

The Alexandria Gazette

SATURDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 22.

At the sale of Confiscated property this morning, Mr. Y. Partlow's house and lot on South Royal street was sold for \$1,250, W. B. Entwistle of Washington, purchaser. J. H. McVeigh's two story house on Cameron street sold for \$800, W. D. Massey purchaser. We could not obtain the sales of the other property.

When Mr. Francis P. Blair was editor of the official organ, in Washington, under the administration of General Jackson, he wrote and published the following sentences: "Under no possible emergency not even in insurrection, or amidst the throes of civil war, can the government justify official interference with the freedom of speech or of the press, any more than it can with the freedom of the ballot. The licentiousness of the tongue and of the pen is a minor evil compared with the licentiousness of arbitrary power."

The Army correspondent of the New York World gives an account of the recent battle of Cedar Creek, which represents the commencement of the battle as a serious disaster to the Federal troops, but that upon Gen. Sheridan's arrival, and the reforming of his broken lines, the tide of battle was completely changed in the afternoon, and the result was, as stated, a severe repulse of the Confederates, with the loss of men, cannon, &c., and their retreat, followed by Sheridan.

The Washington Constitution and Union says: A wit, well known in English literature, and writing in obedience to the dictum about "the glorious uncertainty of the law," very elaborately and solemnly propounds his definition in the following words: "Law is law." We have no doubt of the correctness of the definition, at the time and place when delivered. But times and places have changed.

Col. Chas. E. Phelps, late of the 4th Maryland regiment, who was wounded at the battle of Hanover Court House, has been nominated by the Baltimore Republican Convention as a candidate for Congress from the third district in Maryland, in place of Henry Winter Davis, the present member.

Messrs. A. E. Basford and W. H. Wigg, of this place, were arrested by military authority, last evening, to be used on the Railroad train. Rev. C. C. Bitting previously arrested, was released.

It is stated that the Prince and Princess of Wales are favorable to shortening the long morning service, or rather three services, of the Church of England.

It is said Mr. Byrne and Mr. J. W. Foster of Fauquier, recently arrested, have been released.

The Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul, in Philadelphia, is to be opened on the 20th of November.

The New York Tribune reports a rumor that Gen. Sheridan is to succeed Gen. Meade, in command of the Army of the Potomac.

The weather was wintry to day.

The Steamer Roanoke.

HALIFAX, Oct. 21.—The brigantine Mathilde arrived yesterday from Bermuda. She reports that on the 7th, while on her passage from Bermuda to Halifax, she was ordered to leave to by a steamer, which afterwards proved to be the captured steamer Roanoke. Ninety five passengers, including six females and the crew, were put on his vessel, and he ordered to "Bermuda, where he landed them, on Saturday.—The Roanoke was afterwards burned.

NEW YORK FAMILY MARKETING.—The market for all kinds of articles for family use is gradually but slowly working down, and to-day the people are able to buy goods at far more reasonable prices than for some time. The only articles which keep up are eggs and butter, the former through the natural cause of the season, but the latter by means of a speculation among farmers, which retains everything possible in the country. Fish and Potatoes are plenty and cheaper, especially the latter, which dealers expect will further decline under the continued heavy arrivals and the large crop now gathering. Vegetables, too, are cheaper and plenty. Poultry is coming in more freely, and sells at lower figures. Meats are lower.—[N. Y. Express.

The Richmond Examiner says:—"We have good authority for saying that the cartel has been, to a certain extent, resumed. Arrangements have been made to exchange, immediately, ten thousand Yankee prisoners, at Savannah, Ga., and Captain Hatch will leave in a few days to superintend the whole affair."

Wm. Gingell, a laborer at one of the London docks was last week sentenced to two months' hard labor for stealing forty-three cigars, valued at 14s., and stated to be the best in England. The prisoner was formerly a gentleman of fortune, and in four years had squandered a fortune of \$25,000.

It is reported that the Danish Government, since the sad result of her war with Germany, being unable to hold its West India possessions, is anxious to sell them to the United States. They consist of the Islands of St. Thomas, St. Croix and St. John. St. Thomas is one of the finest harbors in the West Indies.

Sugar went down in Philadelphia last week. Sniffkins says if people could see the sugar go down when his interesting family get at it, they would'nt talk of inflation.

The Harrisburg Union states that ex-Governor Wm. Bigler was mobbed by a set of drunken rowdies, at Tyrone, Pa., on Wednesday. He had his lady along.

Matamoras, in Mexico, has surrendered to the French. General Mejia was in command, and all quiet.

Some New Yorkers are engaging in a movement to supply the soldiers with tobacco and pipes.

The new Maryland Constitution has been adopted by about 300 majority—the soldiers' vote turning the scale.

Solomon Sturges, a millionaire, died in Chicago last week.

The policy of arming the slaves is now advocated in some of the Southern papers.

There was a Lincoln torch light procession in Washington last night. The crowd, when passing through the grounds around the President's House, called loudly for Mr. Lincoln. He appeared and responded as follows:

"Fellow Citizens: I was promised not to be called upon for a speech tonight, nor do I propose to make one. But, as we have been hearing some very good news for a day or two, I propose that you give three hearty cheers for Sheridan."

"While we are at it, we may as well consider how fortunate it was for the South that Sheridan was a very little man. If he had been a large man, there is no knowing what he would have done with them. I propose three cheers for General Grant, who knew to what use to put Sheridan; three cheers for all our noble commanders and the soldiers and sailors; three cheers for all people everywhere who cheer for the soldiers and sailors of the Union—and now, good night."

A French gardener, residing at Troy, having observed that everybody living in the quarter of the town occupied by tanners escaped the cholera, he determined to try the virtue of tan when planting potatoes. For that purpose he placed a shovel full of tan in the trench under the seed in a part of the field, and planted the remainder in the ordinary way. On digging out the potatoes he found that those which were planted near the tan were perfectly sound, while the others were diseased. He found further, that potatoes were preserved during the winter by spreading tan on the floor of the storehouse.

THE MARKET, this morning, was without material change from last Saturday's quotations, either in meats or vegetables. Fresh fish are offered at high rates.

The Ohio Peace Convention adjourned without making any nomination for President or Vice President.

SOLD.

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—Gold, to-day, 210.

ST. CHRIST CHURCH.—Service every Sunday at 11 A. M., and at 7 P. M., by the Rector Rev. J. Preston Fugitt, late of Baltimore. All are cordially invited to attend.

Subject of discourse to-morrow morning: *The Relations between the Pastor and people*; at night: *The sleep of the Soul.*

NOTICE.—A meeting of the Stockholders of the FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY of Alexandria, will be held at the house of the President, on Tuesday, the 1st day of November next, for the purpose of holding an election for twelve directors, to serve the ensuing year. Hours from 10 to 11 A. M.

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T. M. McCORMICK, Secretary.

NEW WOOD YARD.

I WILL KEEP A SUPPLY OF PINE AND OAK WOOD. At my yard on PRINCE STREET, BETWEEN PITT AND ROYAL, which I will sell at the lowest rates. E. A. DAYTON. aug 27—tf

STEAMED OYSTERS, AT THE NEW JERSEY RESTAURANT, No. 90 Prince street, I. Z. VAN REYPEN, Proprietor, oct 20—tf

BOARD for two or three persons, in a private family. Enquire at the Gazette Office. sep 27—tf